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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Robert R. Raevis

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/06, 4/06, 1/08
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____

DETAILED ACTION

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: "deviation" (p. 3, line 1) is misspelled, "1001" (p 17, line 28) should read -1011--.

Appropriate correction is required.

The drawings are objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5) because they do not include the following reference sign(s) mentioned in the description: 20 (p. 9, line 25), 26 (p. 9, line 27), 605 (p. 14, line 3). Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claims 3,4,7,10,12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

As to claim 3, "said temperature compensated reference density" lacks antecedent basis.

As to claim 4, "the limits of variations of said line temperature" lack antecedent basis.

As to claim 7, "said reference pressure" and "said pressure compensation factor" lack antecedent basis.

As to claim 10, "said limits" lacks antecedent basis.

As to claim 12, "said data structures" lacks antecedent basis.

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Statutory categories of invention include method of making and methods of using, and Claims 1-13 do not fall into either category. Claims 1-13 are directed to a mathematical algorithm, or abstract idea, if you will; which algorithms do not provide for either (1) a physical transformation, or (2) produce a useful, concrete and tangible result. Regarding the claims in issue, the disclosed useful, concrete, and tangible result are not recited in the claims. The limitation of "validating the flow calibration factor" (line 1 of claim 1) does not appear to constitute a tangible result, as the outcome of the determining step is not used in a claimed practical application.

Claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Ruesch.

Ruesch teaches use of software to provide for correction of Coriolis meter related measurements, such software requiring a media, and process system.

As to claims 14-16, either (1) media employed in Ruesch is "configured" (lines 3 and 4 of Applicant's claims) to store instructions, and thus is equally so for the particular instructions and claimed, or (2) it would have been obvious to employ a media to store any instructions for calibrating as Reusch teaches use of software to store calibration instructions. Please note that claim 14's "configured" (lines 3,4) term does not necessarily state that the media is actually storing the claimed instructions, and that the processing system is not necessarily reading/executing the described steps.

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ruesch obtains (col. 23, lines 10-20) a value of density for air as a function of temperature, then obtains (col. 23, lines 30-35) a value of density for water as a function of temperature, and determines the difference thereof in flow calibration.

Buttler et al adjust the correction factor for a Coriolis densimeter for temperature.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert R. Raemis whose telephone number is 571-272-2204. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 5:30am to 3pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron Williams, can be reached on 571-272-2208. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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